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# Weekly Views

Facility Volunteer Maleah Stringer was successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant for the "Saving Max" program from the members of an initiative of the South Madison Community Foundation called "Open Hearts-Open Purses." The money will be used for the program through the Animal Protection League, Anderson Area Care and Control, and the Correctional Industrial Facility. The "Saving Max" program involves inmates and community members fostering pets for victims of domestic violence.

Wabash Valley Officer Shawna Vair, who coordinated the facility's March of Dimes 2010 fund drive, presented Superintendent James Basinger with a March of Dimes appreciation plaque, denoting the facility making the \$2000+ Club!

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility held a graduation ceremony for 27 students who recently earned their GED's. Indiana Department of Education Assistant Superintendent of Support Services, Rich Hogue was the Keynote Speaker for the event. Also in attendance for the event were Directors John Nally and Susan Lockwood of the IDOC Education Division.

Rockville Correctional Facility staff members participated in the Parke County Relay for Life, raising \$809. The team's luau campsite won 2nd place. Fund raising efforts included a children's book sale and donations for team sponsorship.



The Henryville Correctional Facility had the first Brief Back of the year along with an Executive Staff Meeting with Central Office Executive Staff. All celebrated Chief of Staff Dan Ronay's birthday with lunch cooked by the Superintendent and cake and ice cream.

The Indiana State Prison held a Family Day Celebration. Staff and their families enjoyed a picnic lunch. There were elephant ears, ice cream, horse drawn buggy rides, children's games, tours of the facility, and demonstrations from ISP emergency squads were conducted. The Michigan City Police had a vehicle on display, and the Michigan City Fire Fighters had the smoke house available with a fire truck for the children to try the sirens. The U.S. Coast Guard, Ivy Tech, St. Anthony's Hospital, PEN Products, Any Time Fitness, and CMS had booths available with gifts for everyone.

The Correctional Industrial Facility held a Job Fair for the PEN Products Brake Remanufacturing Operation. It was reported that over 400 offenders visited the Job Fair display, 100 received information and 66 applications were submitted. The Brake Operation presently employs approximately 100 offenders.

Volunteers from the Totally Free Ministries Program, held an outdoors church revival at the Indiana Women's Prison, approximately 140 offenders were able to attend.

163 Wabash Valley offenders took a giant step in preparation for re-entry into society, graduating from facility GED, Vocational and College Programs. Proud family members were on hand for the milestone event. Superintendent James Basinger said, "A degree in hand will enhance employment opportunities and a successful new beginning, post incarceration."

Westville's Therapeutic Community and PLUS units co-hosted the facility's annual PREP weekend. 33 offenders welcomed their significant others to the relationship seminar. The offenders in the facility's Culinary Arts program utilized their skills to serve meals to the attendees.

At Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility 12 out of the 13 students that completed the G.E.D. test in May passed!

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility is gearing up for the IDOC Blood Drive. American Red Cross representative Leslie Waddell told staffers at the WVCF Re-Call meeting the need for donations is critical, especially during holidays such as the 4th of July. The facility's drive takes place July 1st and 2nd.

